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**PATENT**  
**Serial No. 10/614,860**  
**Docket No. 29284-597**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No. : 10/614,860  
Deposited : July 9, 2003  
For : EXTERNAL STORAGE SUBSYSTEM  
Group : 2182  
Examiner : Alan Chen

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted for this application on August 4, 2004. Attendees at the interview were Examiner Alan Chen, Supervisory Patent Examiner Jeffrey Gaffin, Mr. Hiroshi Kawano of Hitachi, Ltd. and Mr. David Zibelli.

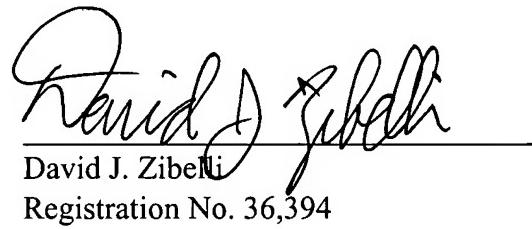
The claimed invention was discussed with reference to Figure 7. No prior art was discussed. The interview was held concerning six related continuation applications: Serial Nos. 10/614,864 (29284-593); 10/614,863 (29284-594); 10/614,862 (29284-595); 10/614,861 (29284-596); 10/614,860 (29284-597); and 10/614,859 (29284-598).

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